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1356

Year **1356** (**MCCCLVI**) was a leap year starting on Friday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	13th century · **14th century** · 15th century
Decades:	1330s · 1340s · **1350s** · 1360s · 1370s
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January–December

- January 20 – Edward Balliol surrenders his title as King of Scotland, to Edward III of England.
- September 19 – Hundred Years' War – Battle of Poitiers: The English, commanded by Edward, the Black Prince, defeat the French, capturing King John II of France.
- October 17 – Erik XII proclaims himself king of Sweden, in opposition to his father, King Magnus IV. Thus begins a civil war in Sweden between father and son, which will last until Erik's death in 1359.
- October 18 (St Luke's Day) – The Basel earthquake affects northern Switzerland, with a maximum MSK intensity of IX–X (*Destructive–Devastating*), leaving around 1,000 dead.
- December 25 – Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor, promulgates the Golden Bull, a constitution for his empire.

Date unknown

- The city of Lwów is granted Magdeburg rights by Casimir III of Poland.

1356 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1356 *MCCCLVI*
Ab urbe condita	2109
Armenian calendar	805 ԹՎ ՊԵ
Assyrian calendar	6106
Balinese saka calendar	1277–1278
Bengali calendar	763
Berber calendar	2306
English Regnal year	29 Edw. 3 – 30 Edw. 3
Buddhist calendar	1900
Burmese calendar	718
Byzantine calendar	6864–6865
Chinese calendar	乙未年 (Wood Goat) 4052 or 3992 — *to* — 丙申年 (Fire Monkey) 4053 or 3993

- The majority of the Great Pyramid of Giza's limestone casing stones are removed by Bahri Sultan An-Nasir Nasir-ad-Din al-Hasan, to build fortresses and mosques in the nearby city of Cairo, leaving the first of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World in the step-stone condition in which it remains today.
- Burnt Candlemas: Edward III of England burns down every town and village in Lothian, Scotland.
- The Hanseatic League, a trading alliance between many cities in northern Europe, is officially founded.
- Ghazan II replaces Anushirwan, as ruler of the Ilkhanate in Persia.
- Zhu Yuanzhang, one of the leaders in the Red Turban Rebellion, captures the city of Nanjing from the Mongol-led Yuan dynasty in China; from then on it becomes his base of power, and the capital of a new dynasty he will establish in 1368, the Ming dynasty.
- The Castelvecchio Bridge in Verona is probably completed this year; its main span of 48.7 m (160 ft) is the world's longest arch at this time.

Births

- July 29 – Martin of Aragon (d. 1410)
- *date unknown* – Robert IV of Artois, Count of Eu (d. 1387)
  - Ingegerd Knutsdotter, Swedish abbess (d. 1412)

Deaths

- June 23 – Margaret II, Countess of Hainaut (b. 1311)
- September 19 (killed at the Battle of Poitiers):
  - Peter I, Duke of Bourbon (b. 1311)
  - Walter VI, Count of Brienne, Constable of France (b. 1304)
- *date unknown*
  - Harihara I, founder of the Vijayanagara Empire
  - Zheng Yunduan, Chinese poet (b. c. 1327)

References

Coptic calendar	1072–1073
Discordian calendar	2522
Ethiopian calendar	1348–1349
Hebrew calendar	5116–5117
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1412–1413
- *Shaka Samvat*	1277–1278
- *Kali Yuga*	4456–4457
Holocene calendar	11356
Igbo calendar	356–357
Iranian calendar	734–735
Islamic calendar	756–758
Japanese calendar	Bunna 5 / Enbun 1 (延文元年)
Javanese calendar	1268–1269
Julian calendar	1356 *MCCCLVI*
Korean calendar	3689
Minguo calendar	556 before ROC 民前556年
Nanakshahi calendar	−112
Thai solar calendar	1898–1899
Tibetan calendar	阴木羊年 (female Wood-Goat) 1482 or 1101 or 329 — *to* — 阳火猴年 (male Fire-Monkey) 1483 or 1102 or 330

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